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"We love the Brethren."—I. JOHN III. 14.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

October is the month of Harvest Thanksgivings, which will already have begun; and the first Sunday of October marks the end of Summer Time. The Winter Session with all its activities will soon be in full swing. October 6th is the date of York Street Church Anniversary in the Ulster Hall, an occasion when there is not even standing room inside the building. Then follows in November a service which belongs to all the congregations, organised by the Laymen's League, which will also fill the Ulster Hall. But all our churches on one Sunday or another this month will be filled, in some cases to overflowing, a condition which many of us would like to see normal, every Sunday of the year.

Mountpottinger, Ballee, Crumlin, All Souls and Downpatrick are all vacant pulpits. The accession of five new ministers is bound to exercise a great influence in our churches and to mark a new era. Nearly three centuries in our Presbyterian history, the records of which have found a place in this magazine, have been marked with the rise and fall of advancing thought, and in Ireland, of all countries in the world, that indicates a liberalising of religion, the value of which is beyond price,

The dark clouds of the menace of war are over us. Will our Church render a valuable service to the world by maintaining itself as a centre of peace? If prayer means anything at all, it means the mighty power of thought and will to spread abroad strength, peace and blessing over all the world.

We must not continue to think of the Non-

Subscribing Church as being confined to the Northern Province. It now embraces the whole of Ireland from Cork to Ballymena, including the two capitals, and there is a strong probability, though at present it may be a little bit previous to mention it, of having the next General Synod in Dublin.

Will our friends in the Free State help us in this magazine, and kindly see that it is circulated.

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Contributions should be addressed to the Manager, Rev. A. Davison, Dromore, by whom they will be gratefully acknowledged.

THE DIVINE WISDOM.

Wisdom reacheth from one end of the world to the other; mightily and sweetly doth she order all things.—*Wisdom of Solomon viii. 1.*

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The humane cry of the eighteenth century was "the rights of man": the rights of women were conceded in the nineteenth, and the rights of animals is a civilizing battle-cry for the twentieth. The right treatment of animals is one of the world's progressive causes, and it is one way of making India—and no less every other country—great.—*The Theosophist*

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE.

Congregations are asked to make a note that the Annual Ulster Hall Service will be held this year on Sunday, November 17th, when the preacher will be Rev. Dr. R. F. Rattray of Cambridge. Ministers and Secretaries please join in helping us to make this another memorable gathering.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

With the end of the holiday season our organizations are resuming regular activities and preparing winter programmes. We are looking forward to a season of greater service and richer fellowship in the work of the mission.

The Debating Society enjoyed a mystery motor tour on September 3rd. The destination, after a delightful run along the coast road, being Larne, where an hour was spent, before returning via the inward route. This was the last of three outings arranged during the summer months. The Boy's Club has resumed its weekly meeting under the leadership of Mr. J. Gilleland. Elocution, Handicrafts, Physical Training and games will be given prominence in the work of the club during present session.

The Dramatic Society under the direction of Mr. F. M. Pett, took a very brief holiday and is at present engaged on a play which will be presented toward the end of October.

Our Annual Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 20th October. The mothers who went to the Holiday Home at Carnlough were delighted with the visit and came back greatly benefited by the welcome change at the seaside.

Death has depleted our number during the past weeks. Our caretaker, Mrs. Magee, who gave long and faithful service to the mission was called away after a brief illness. Mrs. Carruthers an old and esteemed member passed after a long period of suffering and Mrs. Baird who was with us for some time was called at an early age to leave a young family behind. In their homes and in our mission fellowship, they will be greatly missed. To the bereaved families we tender our deepest sympathy in their sorrow, praying that the Heavenly Father may comfort and sustain them in their hour of need.

We gratefully acknowledge parcel of clothing from Rev. S. P. Whitehouse, B.A. W.E.

AUSTRALIAN VINES.

"I have been able to put in a good bit of time in the garden lately, with very pleasing results. I have plenty to do yet before the spring sets in [which is now on—Ed.] and it is a very pleasant pastime. This month I must prune the vines in order that they may bear fruit next summer. If left to grow, they just shoot out all over the place and hardly have any fruit, so they are cut right back to the trunk and two or three branches,—and even then they grow yards upon yards of new shoots when the warm weather comes. Although you cannot actually see a vine growing in spring, you can easily measure the distance a shoot grows in twenty-four hours."

E. J. B.

AN INCIDENT—JULY, 1935.

Belfast was raging with riot and din
When a ship with a Lascar crew came in.
When the crew had landed at Belfast quay,
They essayed to travel their peaceful way
To explore the streets of a Christian town;
But little they knew of Belfast's renown!
A friendly policeman barred their way—
"You're safer," he said, "on your boat this day!

Don't you see the stones and the missiles fly,
Don't you hear the yells and the party cry;
And the filthy slogans the mobs applaud
As they maim and slay for the love of God?"
Said the Lascar leader, "You must be wrong!
A Christian missionary came along
To my far-off home, in my native land
And he said, 'To love' was his God's command,
And he preached that malice and hate should
cease,

For the Christians' God was a God of peace!
But suppose they're right, that aim to kill
Their Christian brothers; there's safety still
For us; we're not Christians; but, Hindoos!

—We

Are safe from the mobs you must surely see!"
The policeman grinned, but he sent them back
To their own safe home on their good ship's
deck,

So the Lascars learned, to the Christians'
shame

That we stone each other in Christ's good
name.

WM. CALWELL.

Ballycarry.

"AT-ONE-MENT."

The name of the Rev. Joseph Freeston is still honoured in Lancashire and Cheshire as that of a popular science lecturer and preacher and a sincere politician at a critical point in history when far-reaching decisions were to be taken. He was a man who had the courage of his opinions, and when Charles Bradlaugh was ejected from the House of Commons the Rev. Joseph Freeston stood side by side with Charles Bradlaugh at the vast meeting in Trafalgar Square, which ensued on the ejection. Mr. Freeston was an effective propaganda lecturer, a pioneer of the Faith in places where it had never been heard of before. His was a long life of useful work, and the Assembly in England to-day has a richer message because of the share he contributed to it.

His son, the Rev. Frank K. Freeston, the well-known minister of Essex Church, perhaps not on such popular lines, exercised a cultured and liberalising influence among the congregations, and his work in the National Conference, now blended with the B. & F. U. A. in the General Assembly, was of a very valuable nature.

At a time when a much cruder interpretation than prevails to-day was put upon the doctrine of the Atonement, the Rev. Joseph Freeston lectured on the "Atonement." Evolution was widening the mental horizon, and the narrow and mis-seen idea of the vicarious atonement as a legal transaction between God and man, Jesus taking the place of the sinner, had had its day. Still it lingered on and exerted, as it still does to a wide extent, a very powerful influence. There were exceptional outstanding Liberal teachers in the Church of England and elsewhere who preached the gospel of a larger hope, in the face of such teaching as: "The clouds of God's wrath gathered thick over the whole human race: they discharged themselves on Jesus only. He became a curse for us and a vessel of wrath." The Rev. Joseph Freeston lecturing at that time on "The Atonement," mentioned that his mother was a very orthodox Christian, but when her son, as a young man, broke away from orthodoxy, she was much distressed, not so much about such points as the doctrine of the Trinity, and so on, as the Atonement: that to her was such a vital doctrine, believing that one's soul's salvation depended upon it, that it was necessary to be washed in the blood, and to accept it as the price paid for sin. Mr. Freeston pointed out in his lecture, that in the Authorised Version

of the New Testament the word only occurs once, and in the Revised Version does not occur at all; it is there translated "Reconciliation." The old English word for "reconciliation" was "at-one-ment." In Shakespeare's play, Richard II., two knights have quarrelled and are about to engage in mortal combat, and the King says "I would at-one them." For years Mr. Freeston had contended that "reconciliation" was the right meaning of the word, and so strongly did he feel about it, that on the morning on which the Revised Version was to be published he made a point of going down early to the publishing office, where it was to be distributed, and waited until the door was opened. He was one of the first to get in, and as soon as he got the book into his hand, he opened it at Romans v. 11, and found that the Revisers had inserted "reconciliation" instead of "at-one-ment," and thus at last his long contention was justified.

In a magazine two or three years ago the statement was made that Christianity taught that Jesus Christ came into the world to make vicarious atonement for our sins. I wrote a letter in reply stating that that was not the teaching of the New Testament, that in the Revised Version of the New Testament the word "atonement" didn't occur at all, that it was there rendered "reconciliation."

Can anything be more revolting in Christian worship than the hymn "There is a fountain filled with blood." W. H. Morton in his book, "In the Steps of the Master," describes the interior of the Temple, which was like a huge slaughter-house.

Exodus xiii. 13, states: "Every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck; and all the first-born of man among thy children shalt thou redeem." There was a redemption of asses and men, sometimes cited to prove the vicarious atonement. The Parable of the Prodigal Son makes clear the whole relation between God and the sinner. The elder brother does not have to be punished for the younger before the Father grants his forgiveness. It is we who need to be reconciled to God, not God to us. God is reconciled all the time. Christ did not come to reconcile God to man, but man to God. God needed no reconciliation.

Oh! but aren't we saved by the death of Christ? No! we are not saved by His death, we are saved by His life (Rom. v. 10), by living the Christ life, by making that our life. But we are reconciled by His death. Not God reconciled to us. Christ sacrificed His

life in carrying out the Father's will, for it meant facing the hatred and malignity of the world, it meant heroism and martyrdom; it meant also a new meaning to sacrifice, a meaning that applies to each one of us. We have to work for what our work will bring us; that is the first stage; then we learn to do duty as duty, without heeding consequences to ourselves, and thus it becomes sacrifice. But Christ was at-one with God and behind His sacrifice was revealed the Great Eternal Sacrifice of God made from the foundation of the world, and because it is a continual out-pouring and forth-giving is the fundamental law of the Universe. With God that is the Bliss of His Existence. Perceiving the glory of that, revealed to us through a human life that endured to the very end, to the Cross itself we are reconciled. Through Christ we have the at-one-ment.

ABYSSINIAN CHURCH.

Public Opinion gives the following facts about this interesting Church. The Abyssinian tribes have their ancestry in Hebrews, Arabs, Negroes, and apart from Christianity the religions are Mohammedan, and a debased Judaism derived from emigrants in the period of disorder in Israel, following the reign of Jeroboam.

Christianity was introduced about 330 A D. by Frumentius, a Phoenician youth who was ship-wrecked on the Red Sea coast, then a part of Ethiopia. This youth settled in the country and became interested in promoting Christianity. Deciding to devote his life to the Church, in due course he received the ordinations of priest and bishop, Ethiopia being his See. The Coptic Church is the Church of the Copts, native Christian Egyptians. The head-bishop of Abyssinia has the title of Abuna and Frumentius was the first of a long line of Abunas ("he's abun them a'.") Ethiopian Christians are really heretics, because they are "monophysite." That is, they hold that Christ was of divine nature only, and ignore his human nature. This tenet was denounced as heresy by the Council of Chalcedon. The fault of the Ethiopian is that he believes too much. There is a good deal of Judaism about this Church, the priests have ceremonial dances: those were prevalent in sections of the Church at a very early date. In each church there is a Holy of Holies, with a representative of the Ark of the Covenant. "Monasteries abound in the country, but there are few convents. Monks

and nuns are celibate, but priests may marry once. Fasts are observed and are numerous. Virgin Mary, saints and angels are adored. Graven images and crucifixes are forbidden. In Jerusalem there is an Abyssinian chapel, on the roof of Saint Helena's chapel. On a high occasion, a black priest emerges clad in gold embroidered crimson silk from head to foot, and wears a jewelled mitre of the same colour, and jewelled cross on his breast. A crimson silk umbrella is held over his head by an attendant. Another priest follows in vivid green and yet another in royal blue, and they have a procession, chanting their own peculiar music."

They are a quiet good people happy in their own way; devoted Christians, and yet at the moment of writing in peril of being slaughtered wholesale, because an European power wants their country. By the time this magazine appears let us hope the war clouds will have been dispersed.—ULLIN.

THE MUNITION MAKES'S PRAYER.

Great God of Battle, hear us while we pray
For greater profits than we now receive,
Grant us another war without delay,
Since mothers now have almost ceased to
grieve

Because of sons whose blood we sacrificed
A few short years ago. Their younger sons
Are at the age, when, in the name of Christ,
They can be used as fodder for our guns.
To help us to arouse men's fear and hate,
And let the tongues of pacifists be dumb.
For us by war to make thy kingdom come,
Great Lord, make haste, else it may be too
late,

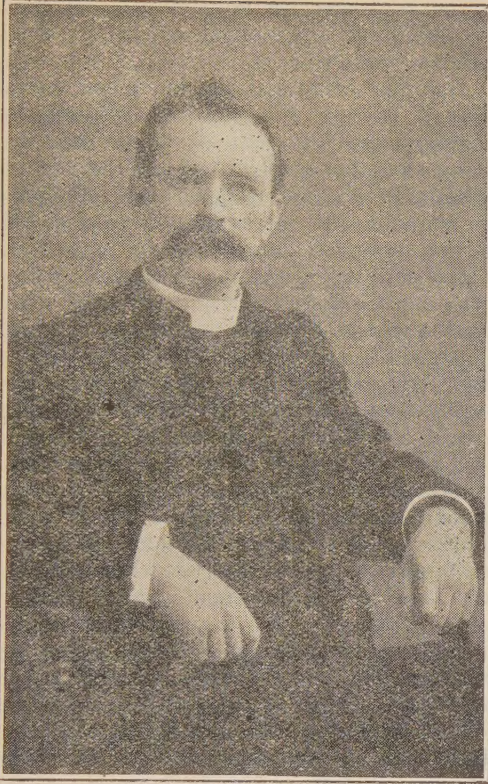
And don't forget the profits that accrue.
We'll use a tithe to build a house for you.

From *World Events*.

MEDITATION.

I worship Thee. I adore Thee; Thou my
Life, my Breath, my Being, my All. I am
in Thee and Thou art in me. Lead me, O
Gracious Lord, through Thy illimitable Love
to union with Thee, and the Heart of Eternal
Love. In Thy Love I rest for evermore.

With many readers there is more joy over one sentence which calls for repentance than over ninety-nine columns that need no correction.—*Public Opinion*.



THE REV. R. LYTTLE.
MINISTER OF MONEYREA, DIED OCT. 22ND, 1905.

A correspondent has very kindly procured a block of Mr. Lyttle's portrait, for which we are much obliged, and many of our readers who knew Mr. Lyttle will be glad to see it on this occasion, thirty years since his passing. An eloquent address by Mr. Lyttle appeared in these columns a short time ago. Our correspondent now sends us reports of addresses sufficient to fill the whole magazine. In a future number we hope to publish some extracts, but certain matters of a strong political bias we could not admit to this magazine.

To escape criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

The most expensive things in the world are those you get for nothing.

Don't make excuses, make good.

Give out courtesy, kindness, patience and goodwill, and you'll get them back with compound interest (*Hubbard*).—CLIFTON CALENDAR.

DUTY OF THE CHURCH.

The primary duty of the Church is not to do good to individuals, nor to exert pressure upon groups, as if she herself were man's chief hope and stay. Man's chief hope and stay is the Providence of God. The great quality to be demanded of the leaders of the Church is not Herculean will-power, or Ulyssean shrewdness of wit, nor even humanitarian compassion, but a capacity to discern and communicate the Word and the Will of God. On this primary prophetic function of Church all her other functions depend; without it, they all fail.

We shall be delivered from our social ills only if we first learn how to discern behind the surface of human events the constant action of Divine Providence, and then learn how to align ourselves with the great thrust of that holy Will, and serve as instruments in that mighty Hand.—"Realistic Theology," Prof. Walter H. Horton (U.S.A.)—*Public Opinion*.

THE MARCH OF YOUTH.

The hosts of youth are marching
In the day-spring of their life;
They are mounting up the highway;
And they face the distant goal;
They crave not praise nor pity
As they gird them for the strife,
But their cry goes up for ever,
"Give us freedom of the soul."

The hosts of youth are marching,
They have broken down the bars
Of the world our fathers left us
Which we cherished for our own,
For they found earth full of beauty
And the night ablaze with stars,
And the spirit sweeps them onward
In the lure of the unknown.

The hosts of youth are marching,
And their hearts are all aflame
With the glory of the sunrise
In the land that gave them birth,
No leader goes before them
And their visions none can name,
But they go to take possession
Of the Kingdom of the Earth.

Archdeacon Scott of Quebec, in the *Morning Post* ("Public Opinion.")

REPORTS.

First Church, Belfast.

The Trustees are faced with heavy expenditure at the Central Hall, as a place of public entertainment, and structural alterations are demanded by the authorities, e.g. another exit or stairway, and an emergency system of gas-lighting, to replace present gas pipes, etc.

The laws, now relating to public buildings, which local authorities are required to adopt, may be extended to country districts, more especially where new halls are being erected and plans have to be passed. Not all congregations have halls attached to them; but, have to engage local halls for their church activities, and to such, halls would be boons, when Fortune favours.—ED.

The attention of all friends interested in the wider history and culture of the human spirit is called to the series of Sunday Evening discourses which are being delivered throughout the Autumn by the Rev. R. Nicol Cross at the First Church, Rosemary Street, Belfast. The title of the series is "The World's Great Teachers" and includes brief accounts of the life and teaching of such figures as Confucius, Buddha, Socrates, Mahomet, Marcus Aurelius, Emerson, Carlyle, etc., not omitting the greatest of all the Lord Jesus Christ. Anthem and solo at each services.

On Sunday, October 13th, at 7 p.m. in connection with the Sunday School Anniversary and Harvest Thanksgiving the organist Mr. Albert Taylor, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., and the choir will render selections from the Oratorio "The Woman of Samaria" at a special Musical Service.

Ballyhemlin.

Harvest Thanksgiving is announced for October 6th, at 3-30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. John Barron. The Belgravia Quartette Singers will take part. The Meeting House is at three roads' end, and there is ample room for cars and bicycles. The service is always a popular one.

Belfast York Street.

There has been nothing unusual to report during the summer. Notwithstanding the exceptional weather which has induced all who could to be out of town at the week ends, congregations have been as good if not better than ever. An appeal has been made to those who have been away to make up their collections on their return. Many have responded and the result is that we may realise our ambition to go through the year meeting

all our expenses by stipend and collections alone without any appeal or money raising efforts whatever.

Summer congregations have been greatly helped by the presence of visitors from England and America. Amongst these have been a number of Ministers of other denominations to whom it has been a special pleasure to explain our methods of working. The social hour on Sunday night has greatly interested them and an orthodox Minister who made a forty miles journey to be with us has expressed his intention of returning with some of his elders at the first opportunity so that they may see this for themselves.

Mr. Christie has increased the value of our own "broadcasting" apparatus by adding to it a deaf aid system which has been greatly appreciated and gained us a few regular attenders. It would require an expert to appreciate the difficulty of constructing this apparatus with the materials which have been available and it represents many hours of study and work. To have had such an outfit installed professionally would have been far beyond our means while our Church has been at no expense whatever. It is by the efforts of the same member that our people have been able to enjoy the benefits of the Holiday Fellowship at Ballycastle.

The Choir and Band with a few members who kindly lent their cars had an enjoyable and original outing at our Minister's home at Moira. Arriving at seven o'clock in the evening members scattered over the country side. At ten o'clock they returned to supper and there followed a real old time Barn Dance the music being provided by the Band. After a vote of thanks to our hosts Auld Lang Syne was sung in the traditional manner and then the quiet but deeply impressive singing of the Vesper brought a memorable night to a fitting conclusion.

The Sunday School was opened on Sunday the 8th September, with Children's Church the preacher being Rev. D. P. Stewart, M.A.

Everyone is now concentrating on the usual Service in the Ulster Hall. It has become much more than our own Anniversary and is undoubtedly the largest gathering held by any four Churches in the British Isles. It is a joy and inspiration to all who attend it and every "Non-Subscriber" who is free from duty to his own Church might be expected to be there. York Street will be open all day and refreshments for all will be provided by our ladies. Car Parks are arranged both at the Church and the Ulster Hall. While the Hall has always been

crowded out the success of the Service is a matter of great anxiety to us all, and we know that it is eagerly watched by those who long ago thought that such a gathering was impossible amongst us. The fact that our Minister cannot devote himself as energetically to this work as in former years and that the service is being held a week later for reasons over which we had no control, will make the assistance of our Country Friends more welcome than ever. These great Services may not always be possible and those who have not yet been present at one should take the opportunity now. Hundreds of friends help us in this Service from all parts of the country though they belong to other Denominations and yet we sometimes miss those who are always expressing the desire for more life in our own. The Service is at 7 p.m. on October 6th. Doors will be open from 6 o'clock and Belfast Military Band will play from 6-30.

Warrenpoint.

On Sunday afternoon, the 15th September, the esteemed minister of this congregation, Rev. John McCleery, B.A., S.T.M., preached an appropriate sermon and dealt with the work of the Church during the past year (this being the first anniversary of his appointment to the oversight of the congregation in addition to the Newry Church).

A Committee has been appointed with Mr. McCleery (chairman), Miss Bailey, secretary; Miss Corbitt, Mr. R. Kerr, treasurer; and Mr. T. J. Brown. A minute book of the Committee dates back for over a century, but no minutes has been entered therein for the past 34 years, when Mr. Kerr's name is mentioned as being present at that meeting, and also the name of Mr. James Thompson, who was the father of a present member of the Newry congregation, Mr. James Thompson, building contractor.

Mr. Kerr was complimented on his long and faithful record of service in connection with the Church, especially during the transitional period after the death of the Rev. George J. Slipper, of revered memory, who laboured zealously in this Church for almost a quarter of a century, and whose remains lie about three or four yards from the door of the old historic church. As the congregation is small and the finances very meagre, it is thought that some of the residents in Warrenpoint whose ancestors are interred in the graveyard annexed to the church, might like to contribute to the up-keep of same, which work, in addition to repairs to the church and sexton's

house amounts to a considerable sum each year. If anyone feels disposed to assist they could give their subscription to Mr. R. Kerr or any other member of the Committee.

Miss Agnes Lockhart, Altnaveigh, has acted as honorary organist with much acceptance since the death of Mrs. Mitchell.

All Souls, Belfast.

On Thursday evening, 5th September, 1935, members and friends met in Rosemary Hall to bid adieu and bon voyage to the Rev. S. P. Whitehouse and Mrs. Whitehouse. Mr. Whitehouse is going out to Harvard University accompanied by Mrs. Whitehouse and all joined in wishing them every success and happiness.

Their presence in All Souls and their bright and cheerful company at the socials in Elmwood Hall will be sadly missed.

Presentations were graciously handed over by Mrs. Adam Millin, to Mrs. Whitehouse linen and to Mr. Whitehouse an incrimbed brochure containing photographs of the Church and Hall together with a wad of notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse returned thanks. Tea was enjoyed in interspersed by recitation and music and then all joined hands in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Ballee.

On Sunday afternoon, 15th September, a harvest thanksgiving service was conducted by the Rev. J. Glynn Davies, of Comber, the large congregation including visitors from Ardglass, Ballynahinch, Clough, Crossgar, Downpatrick, Killyleagh and far off Killinchy.

The ladies of the congregation kindly undertook the work of beautifying the church, and the results achieved by the judicious use of choice flowers, plants, and various fruits of the field, admittedly reflected the highest credit on their labours, the artistic treatment of the pulpit, organ console, window recesses and aisles, being noticeable and favourably commented upon by visiting worshippers.

The musical portion of the service was exceptionally effective, the selected hymns being rendered in a spirit in harmony with the special occasion.

Basing his sermon upon the well known scriptural words "As a man sows, so shall he also reap," the officiating minister delivered a scholarly and impressive discourse, in which comparison was made between the sowing of seed and the resultant effects in the natural and spiritual realms, particular emphasis being laid upon sowing to the fruits of the spirit and the cultivation of that beautification of

character which alone abides when this life's journey is completed.

A beautifully rendered solo by Miss Joan Porter, L.Mus., A.L.C.M., and the devotional singing of Stainer's "Sevenfold Amen" after the benediction formed worthy musical contributions to a memorable service.

Unitarian Women's League.

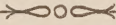
The Quarterly Meeting of the Ulster District, was held at Banbridge on Saturday, September 21st.

The service in the church was conducted by Mrs. G. Gardiner, B.A., of Holywood, who preached a most helpful and inspiring sermon.

There were about seventy members present from branches in Antrim and Down.

Tea was served in the schoolroom after which Miss Praegar, well known in Art circles, gave an interesting account of a recent visit to Canada and United States. Miss Armstrong, President of the Ulster District, gave a short account of the meetings held in Liverpool in connection with the General Assembly of Unitarian Churches.

Miss Greenfield proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, and the Banbridge Branch, which was seconded by Mrs. N. Cross.



Western Australia.

Barber's shop. Barber on "Abyssinia." "Yes, it'll cost them Italians a lot o' money to get their soldiers and gear across to the war." I agreed. "Anyhow," he continued, "What's Mussolini want to fight for? What've the Albersinians done to him? The poor cows!" His razor slid threateningly across my chin. "What I want to know is why England don't stop him." I protested that nothing short of war could achieve this. "What about economic sancturns? That'd fix him." I doubted this, but kept silent. He went on—"And America ought to do something. Roosevelt could stop him easy. All he's go' to do is to refuse the Italians go through the Panama Canal, and Mussolini'd be done properly!" I suggested that Mussolini might find some other way of getting his troops to the scene of war. "Oh, well, p'raps he would, but you mark my words, he'd pretty soon be looking for some way to get 'em 'ome again. He wouldn't have it all his own way. Those Zulus are good fighters!"—E.J.B.

"Widespread paganism is more than a possibility among us. We need not run to Germany or to Russia to look for it. In spite of all the noble work of the churches, schools, and colleges of our country, work that is so easily belittled by those who would be the first to cry out if it suddenly ceased—these are lean years. We have lost our nerve because we have lost our faith. Intellectually the race is adult; morally and spiritually, men are still children, armed in the nursery with loaded revolvers and likely to suffer the inevitable fate of such. Men are still using their new knowledge in their greed and pride, in their folly and fear, to work desolation and death."—British Association sermon.

Said an old coloured man, on religious assurance: "I hab hearn folks say, 'Hope I has religion, but I doan know.' I never hearn a man say, 'I hopes I has money, but I doan know.' Dat sorter 'ligion dat yer hopes ye's got, but doan know, ain't givine to do no mo' good dan de money what yer hopes ye's got, but doan know."—

Christian Observer.

"I strongly advise you to study music carefully while you have the opportunity. I presume each of us will have to go before a Judge, when we pass to the other side of death, and be examined as to our knowledge of the Book of Life. One of the chapters in the Book is devoted to music. If we do not reveal a satisfactory knowledge of that chapter we shall be sent back again to learn it."

M. Leff Pouisnoff, distinguished Russian pianist and composer, to Sydney University.

Professor Huxley, in a remarkable passage, has imagined the possibility of the existence of beings rising higher and higher in intelligence, the consciousness ever expanding, and the reaching of a stage as much above the human as the human is above that of the blackbeetle. That is not a flight of the scientific imagination, but a description of a fact. There is a Being whose consciousness is present at every point of His universe, and therefore can be affected from any point.

"Esoteric Christianity."

Another general factor which is all the better for being ventilated is an element of fear which from the cradle to the grave is a dominating influence in all our lives. It is because of fear that nervous and mental disorders are so common.—Prof. D. K. Henderson, Edinburgh.

OBITUARIES.

Miss Elizabeth Huddleston.

It is with profound regret we announce the death of Miss Elizabeth Huddleston, Monlough, Moneyrea, at the age of 53. She passed away at the Ards Hospital on August 15th. She was a lifelong member and a staunch supporter of her church; a willing helper at all the functions and deeply interested in all church activities; an ardent member, and treasurer of the local branch of the Women's League. She was highly respected by all classes and creeds, and her cheerful presence and help will be greatly missed in Moneyrea. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the brothers in their bereavement.

Mr. John McCombe, Newry.

On Sunday, September 22nd, Mr. John McCombe died in his 87th year at his residence, Basin House, Newry.

The late Mr. John McCombe was the oldest member of the Newry Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, in the affairs of which he took a deep interest.

Predeceased by his wife many years ago, he leaves to mourn his loss one son, Mr. Robert J. McCombe, who is the present agent for the Trustees of the Earl of Kilmorey, D.L., seven daughters and one brother, Mr. Richard McCombe, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement.

He was a P.M. of St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge 77, and R.A.C. 77, and the oldest member of the craft in Newry, being initiated in St. Patrick's Lodge in 1876. He had a big store of local knowledge, and he was looked upon as an authority on the history of the Frontier Town and its environs.

He was a valued Trustee of the Henry Quinn Charity, Newry, and on many occasions acted as chairman.

He was extensively engaged in the estate business for many years.

Son of the late Mr. Robert McCombe, Primrose Cottage, Newry, he was held in very high regard by everyone, and his death, though at an advanced age, is deeply regretted.

The funeral took place on the 23rd, to the family burying-ground, St. Patrick's Churchyard, amid signs of deep mourning. A number of old and valued friends of the deceased attended to pay a last tribute to a venerable colleague.

Members of the Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Newry, of which the

deceased gentleman was its oldest member also attended.

Prior to the committal of the remains, the Rev. J. McCleery, B.A., conducted a short service at the graveside.

Sympathetic reference to the passing of Mr. McCombe was made at the morning service in First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning by the Rev. J. McCleery, B.A., and at the conclusion of the service the congregation remained standing for a few moments as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased.

At a meeting of the committee held subsequently it was proposed by Mr. C. Warronock, seconded by Mrs. E. Henning, that the following resolution be recorded on the minutes:—

"We desire to convey our deepest sympathy to the relatives of the late John McCombe, who passed away this morning. We wish to place on record our high appreciation of his valuable services rendered to this committee, both as a secretary for many years, and as a member; of his work as a trustee of our church property, and of his long connection with, and sustained interest in, the affairs of the church generally. Our committee is poorer to-day because of his removal and sorrows that it will see his face and hear his voice no more."

The resolution was passed in silence, all the members standing.

Hard to Open.

Mr. Ford was calling upon Mr. Edison and had difficulty in pushing open the gate, and expressed his wonder that a great inventor tolerated one of that kind. Mr. Edison explained that in opening his gate Mr. Ford was pumping up water into the cistern.—G. Lenthal Cheatle, in a letter to the *Times*.

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"It shall be the duty of the Council in such case to recommend to the several Governments concerned what effective military, naval, or air force the Members of the League shall severally contribute to the armed forces to be used to protect the Covenants of the League."

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MARRIAGE

STEPHENSON—ANDERSON—On August 15th, 1935, at York Street N.S. Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Dr. A. L. Agnew, George Thomas Noel Stephenson to Violet Hilda Anderson

IN MEMORIAM

SLIPPER—On Sunday, September 10th, 1933, George John Slipper, minister of Newry Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church for 24 years, and of Warrenpoint Church jointly for 20 years. Also Clerk to the Non-Subscribing Pres. Church of Ireland for many years.

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